

Time Critical Diagnosis (TCD)-Stroke and STEMI System Document

Stroke-Specific—Out-of Hospital

TITLE:	3. Criteria for Stroke Patient Classification
DISTRIBUTION:	All Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Department and Designated Stroke Center Personnel.
PURPOSE:	To distinguish suspected stroke patients by the onset of symptoms in order to guide the transport to the appropriate designated stroke center.

Class I

Immediate life threat

Class II

Categorize patients based on the following **times last known well**

< 2 hours

2-7 hours

> 7 hours

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